Guidance Department Comments Doris Rempe-Counselor





IMPORTANT DATES!

Jan. 28 -Boys' State Application Deadline to counselor

Jan. 31 -Girls' State Applications Deadline to counselor

Feb. 1- UNO priority deadline for scholarships

UNL Diversity Enhancement Scholarships deadline

UNK Freshmen/Honors Scholarships deadline

Feb. 1-Susan T. Buffett Scholarship deadline

Feb 1-Junior Law Cadet (junior girls and boys) application deadline online

Feb. 8- ACT Test

Feb. 15-Stueven-Harding Scholarship & CCC Scholarship deadline

Feb. 19-Grand Island Community Foundation Scholarship deadline

Feb. 20-Parent/Teacher Conferences & Senior Day at UNK

Feb. 28- UNK Honors Program deadline

March 1-numerous scholarship deadlines

March 1- GICC Foundation Scholarships Deadline-hand in to counselor

March 3-Truman State University Rep

March 7-Deadline to register for the April ACT

March 10-Wayne State Representative

March 11-UNK, UNL, UNO-Junior Seminar-2:00 p.m.-3:21 p.m.

(Seniors can meet with these Reps after 3:15 p.m.)

VISIT <u>www.gicentralcatholic.org</u> UNDER "COUNSELOR" to view the latest scholarship additions (2012-2013 Scholarships), common application form. "Electronic Transcript" request link, EducationQuest, ACT, Study Skills Contact Mrs. Rempe if you have any questions.

<u>CAREER PLANNING</u> FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS



Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors: It is not too early to begin career planning. As you begin to think about your schedules for next year, think about what are the best classes for you to take in preparation for college. Juniors: If you have taken three years of Spanish, please sign up for fourth year as a senior. **Some** post-secondary institutions will allow four years of the same high school foreign language to meet the two-year foreign language requirement in college. You must first check with the college you are interested in attending to see what their requirements are.

JUNIORS...EARLY ENTRY CLASSES & SENIORS-SUMMER CLASSES



Juniors who plan to enroll in any Central Community College class (Composition or other early entry classes) must have an ACT score or a COMPASS score on file at GICC before enrollment can be completed. These scores need to be given to Mrs. Rempe by **March 29**th. The last ACT test needs to be taken by February 9th. COMPASS tests are given during business hours (8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.) Contact Central Community College 398-7378 to schedule your appointment.

CCC Scholarships

Seniors: ACT Advantage and Compass Advantage Scholarship Deadline: February 15, 2014

Seniors: General Scholarship Deadline: March 1, 2014

Summer Scholarship Deadline: April 19, 2014 (this is available for current juniors and seniors)

Guidelines for the summer scholarship are as follows:

- a) Award is based on application/review process; it is no longer first come, first served
- b) Students must be attending a high school in the CCC service area
- c) The award is valued up to \$150 in the form of tuition
- d) Applications for this award will be available at CCC Admissions Offices, Learning Center locations, and via CCC website beginning March 2014. www.cccneb.edu

CORNHUSKER GIRLS AND BOYS STATE-Juniors (Leadership Opportunity) June 1-7, 2014



Girls and Boys State are conducted on a "learn by doing" basis whereby the selected delegates will learn the mechanics of city, county, and state government, and the functioning of political parties. Participating in Girls State qualifies those students to apply for an American Legion scholarship as a senior. Boys State applications are due by January 28th. Girls State applications are due by Feb. 5th Girls State interviews will be February 23rd. Give completed application to your counselor, Mrs. Rempe. Parents: This is a great opportunity for your son or daughter. Please "encourage" him or her to apply. Contact Mrs. Rempe if you have any questions.



Leadership Opportunity for Juniors THE AMERICAN LEGION JUNIOR LAW CADET PROGRAM Girls-June 10th - 14th & Boys June 17th - 21st

Two junior boys and two junior girls may take part in each year's Law Cadet Program. This takes place at the Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island, typically the week after Boys' and Girls' State. See Mrs. Rempe by the end of January if interested. Application is online At www.nebraskalegion.net/Programs/JRLaw.html

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES



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Information Networking & Telecommunications (INT) program at the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) has a direct website with blogs and lots of information about the program. The INT program at UNK is one of our information technology type programs. Students graduating from the program have great job opportunities through INT's partnership with industry and the overall great need in the US for qualified IT personnel. The program also has a Facebook page that HS students are more than welcome to join and see what's going on in our program.

Website: http://www.degreeinnetworking.com

Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/degreeinnetworking



BRYAN COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES: New Biomedical Sciences Program



UNK, UNL, UNO-JUNIOR SEMINAR Tuesday, March 11th 2:00-3:21 p.m.

Central Catholic juniors will have an opportunity to hear representatives from the following universities: University of Nebraska-Kearney, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and University of Nebraska-Omaha on Tuesday, March 11th from 2:00-3:21 p.m. Parents are invited to attend this information seminar as well. Please contact Mrs. Rempe if you plan to attend so enough seating is available. Seniors can visit with these representatives after 3:15 p.m.



ACT Prep Course Prep Better, Score Higher Tuesdays, February 25-April 8 6:30-8 p.m.-Cost: \$40

Grand Island Campus-Central Community College

<u>Improve your chances of receiving a higher ACT score.</u>

Central Community College, Grand Island Campus, is offering an ACT Prep course that will cover all sections of the ACT including English, reading, math, and science as well as incorporating test-taking strategies. This class will be taught by two experienced instructors who have taught the ACT prep courses at Central Community College. There will be six classes starting February 25. The last session will be April 8, the Tuesday prior to the April 13th ACT test date.

To register, contact Nancy Bishop at 308-398-7447 or email nbishop@cccneb.edu. Or click on this link ACT Prep Course Registration Form



SENIOR PARENTS:

Please read the EducationQuest bulletin attached to this newsletter and please file your taxes early because financial aid is awarded on a first come, first serve basis.

New scholarships are mentioned in the daily bulletin, posted on the senior bulletin board and added to the scholarship list that is posted on GICC website.

Susan Thompson Buffet Scholarship needs a completed FAFSA at least five days before the March 1st scholarship deadline.

Can't find a scholarship? File folder is empty? Contact Mrs. Rempe as soon as possible.

SENIORS!

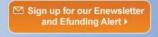
If you have committed to sign a letter of intent to play a sport in college, please let Mrs. Rempe and Mr. Schumann know ASAP.



SENIORS & SENIOR PARENTS: PLEASE GIVE A COPY OF ANY SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD LETTER OFFERS TO MRS. REMPE AS SOON AS YOU RECEIVE THEM.



The World's Foremost Bullying Prevention Program



Olweus Bullying Prevention Program Update

More information about this program can be found at: http://www.stopbullyingkansas.org

The Olweus Bullying Prevention Program should be a part of GICC every year as are many of our courses. GICC has invested time, money, and energy in preparation for the beginning of this program. The committee and staff have invested quite a bit of time and energy preparing for weekly Olweus meetings with students. Randy Wiler, GICC's consultant, reminds us that this is an ongoing process which will take about two years to really become a part of Central Catholic's culture. It is important that everyone (students, staff, and parents) is open to this change and ready to move forward and continue this program. It is also important that in addition to the staff, parents and students become actively involved as well. This program is not intended to be "over." It is intended to become a part of the culture of GICC for a long time. Respect is ongoing and should be modeled every day, in school and out.

PARCHMENT-ELECTRONIC TRANSCRIPTS

NO COST FOR GICC STUDENTS TO REGISTER -

JUNIOR PARENTS- DO NOT REGISTER UNTIL YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR JUNIOR'S REGISTRATION CODE SOPHOMORE PARENTS-PLEASE REQUEST A REGISTRATION CODE BEFORE REGISTERING YOUR CHILD.

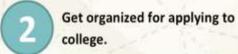
SENIORS NEED TO REQUEST A FINAL TRANSCRIPT BEFORE GRADUATION.

A SECURE METHOD OF SENDING TRANSCRIPTS TO COLLEGES / UNIVERSITIES/ OR THE NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER or NAIA CENTER IN A SHORT TIME SPAN.

Mailed transcripts sometimes are not opened for a week or two, depending upon the volume of mail.





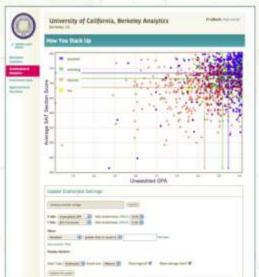


- Create your profile to store your college application information in one place, such as: Unweighted GPA, weighted GPA, SAT scores, SAT II scores, ACT scores, AP classes and scores, extracurriculars, awards and more.
- · Search for colleges and build your college list
- Keep track of your college application decisions
- Discover new colleges by seeing where students like you apply with the Parchment College Recommendation Engine™
- Ask for help and advice in the Discussion Boards

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See how you stack up.

- Complete your profile and add colleges to your list to get your data-driven Parchment predictions.
- How are these predictions created?
 Parchment builds statistical models from the results of students who have voluntarily added their admissions data in the past.
- On each college's page, click the "Scatterplots & Analytics" link to see a how you stack up against admitted and denied students at that college. Tip: Mouse over the dots to see actual student profiles.
- See each school's prediction accuracy by visiting the Chance Details page. In general, colleges with more data have better models.
- Predictions are probabilities. If you are given a 10% chance and you applied to a college 100 times, you should be accepted 10 of those times, if the college's model were accurate.



If you want to attend a college, you should ALWAYS apply. Students get in to colleges despite 0% chances. The predictions are only meant to be a guide to help you build your list.

The only way to guarantee you will not get into a college is to not apply.

Education Quest Foundation College Planning Bulletin

A monthly college planning guide for Nebraska high school students

February 2014

It's FAFSA Time!

If you're a college-bound senior, you must complete the <u>FAFSA</u> (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to apply for state, federal and college-based financial aid. Submit the form before your college's FAFSA priority date as some financial aid is awarded first-come, first-served. Priority dates usually fall between March 1 and April 1. To learn your college's priority date, check the financial aid section of their website or contact their financial aid office.

Follow these steps to complete the FAFSA:

Complete your taxes early as the FAFSA requires current tax information. Within three weeks after you and your parents electronically file your tax forms, your IRS data should be available to retrieve and transfer into your FAFSA. See this handout in the "Paying for College" section at **EducationQuest.org** for more details about IRS Data Retrieval.

Gather these student and parent items:

- 2013 federal income tax forms and, if applicable, Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)
- 2013 W-2 forms
- Student's driver's license number
- Social Security numbers
- Birth dates
- Date parents were married, separated, divorced or widowed
- Current cash, savings and checking account balances
- Current investment values (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, CDs, etc.) excluding your home and retirement accounts
- Value of business (if more than 100 employees)
- Value of investment farm (Do not include the value of a family farm that you or your parents live on and operate.)
- 2013 child support (paid and/or received)
- 2013 Workers' Compensation
- Other untaxed income in 2013 such as housing/food/ living allowances for military and clergy
- Alien Registration Number for eligible non-citizens

Be prepared to answer the following FAFSA question:

Did you or anyone in your household receive any of the following federal benefits?

- Supplemental Security Income
- SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)
- TANF
- Free or Reduced Price Lunch
- WIC

Complete and file the FAFSA

Complete and file the FAFSA at <u>fafsa.gov</u>. The colleges you list on the application will receive the results.

If you're filing the FAFSA for the first time and would like *free* personal help, call the EducationQuest location nearest you to set up an appointment: Kearney - 800-666-3721, Lincoln -800-303-3745, or Omaha - 888-357-6300. Call *now* as appointments for January and February are quickly filling up.

Check out these free FAFSA tools

Visit the "FAFSA Tools" section at EducationQuest.org where you'll find

- College Funding Estimator estimates your FAFSA results
- **FAFSA Demo** walks you through the online FAFSA
- FAFSA Checklist provides a list of items you need to gather before you complete the FAFSA
- **FAFSA Tutorial** explains each FAFSA question

Apply for EducationQuest's Scavenger Hunt Scholarship!

Apply by March 31 for EducationQuest's Scavenger Hunt Scholarship. You could earn \$500 toward your college education!

Here's how it works:

- 1. If you haven't already, complete a profile in ScholarshipQuest at EducationQuest.org. ScholarshipQuest is a scholarship search tool with over 2,000 Nebraska-based awards.
- 2. If you are a Nebraska resident in grades 9-12, you will see the EducationQuest Scavenger Hunt Scholarship as one of the scholarships that will appear on your results page.
- 3. "Scavenge" around the EducationQuest website to find answers to questions in a survey.
- 4. EducationQuest will draw a winner from those who answer all questions correctly. The winner will receive \$500 to invest in a NEST 529 College Savings Plan.

February "To Do" List Complete these tasks during February to stay on track for college. ___ Complete student and parent 2013 tax returns.

____ Complete the FAFSA at <u>fafsa.gov</u>.

_ Continue to apply for scholarships.

Juniors:

Register by February 7 for the March 9 SAT.

Register by March 7 for the April 12 ACT.

For free help with college planning, contact the EducationQuest location nearest you:

Kearnev **Omaha** Lincoln 308-234-6310 402-475-5222 402-391-4033 800-303-3745 800-666-3721 888-357-6300

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Updated Scholarship list for Seniors on the next few pages

Full Scholarship explanations can be found on the counselor's webpage at www.gicentralcatholic.org

2013-2014 Scholarships

(current as of 01/31/14)

Scholarship Resources on the Web

All of these scholarship search resources have been researched by EducationQuest ScholarshipQuest at www.educationquest.org

www.ScholarshipExperts.com

www.Schoolsoup.com

www.Scholarships.com

www.Collegeboard.com

www.FastAid.com

www.collegeboundnebraska.com

www.maldef.org - Mexican-American legal defense fund

www.aises.org - American Indian Science and Engineering

www.chci.org - Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute

www.IEFA.org - International Education for Financial Aid

Anytime Scholarships

(Current this year)

*WELLS FARGO CollegeSTEPS Scholarships

Eligibility: Register online at: www.wellsfargo.com/collegesteps

Award: 20@ \$1000.00 awarded in random drawings (4 from the Midwest Region)
Deadline: Drawings held at the end of each month from October through May

*HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Award: Varies by scholarship

Eligibility: Hispanic heritage. This is a scholarship directory for Hispanic students

Deadline: Varies. May have a December 15th deadline! Go to www.hsf.net and click on "scholarships"

ACE Scholarship

Authorized by the Nebraska Legislature in 2007, the Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship Program Act (LB 192) pays tuition and mandatory fees for qualified, low-income high school students to enroll in college courses from Nebraska's colleges or universities, either through dual-enrollment or early enrollment agreements with these institutions. High school students may apply for funding under this program by completing the ACE Student Application, which is reviewed by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE) for award consideration.

There are two basic criteria for high school students to qualify for the ACE Scholarship. Students must either be eligible to receive assistance under a variety of federal government programs or the student and his or her family must have experienced a recent hardship. The application for the ACE Scholarship is now completely online. Below are some instructions about the process to apply. If you have questions, please see your counselor.

To qualify for the ACE scholarship, you need to qualify for at least one of the following federal benefit programs: Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Food Stamps, Free and Reduced Lunch, Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Other Extreme Hardship.

SCHOLARSHIPS

FEBRUARY

- 1-Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation Scholarship
- 1-2014 America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship
- 1-Creighton University Scholarships
- 1-UNO Peter Kiewit Institute Scholarships (including Walter Scott)
- 1-UNK TEACH Grants
- 1-UNK Honors Program
- 1-UNK Scholarships
- 1-UNO Scholarships
- 1-GPACAC 2014 Student Scholarship
- 1-Northeast Community College Scholarships (final deadline)
- 5-Warren and Velda Wilson Foundation Scholarship
- 10-Hy-Vee Foundation Scholarship Program
- 14-GPACAC Paul Max Service Scholarship
- 15-Nebraska Heartland Scholarship-NAIFAS
- 15-Fort Hays State University-Freshman ACT Scholarship Awards
- 15-Stueven-Harding Scholarship
- 15-CCC ACT Advantage Scholarship
- 15-CCC Compass Advantage Scholarship
- 19-Grand island Community Foundation Scholarship
- 19-Grand Island Chamber of Commerce Dream It! Do It! Scholarship
- 21-Excel Physical Therapy Scholarship
- 21-Nebraska Press Association-NPA Foundation Scholarship
- 22-Southeast Community College Scholarships (final deadline)
- 28-NIAAA (Nebraska State Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association
- 28-Buick Achievers Scholarship Program
- 28-UNK Industrial Technology Incoming Freshman Scholarship
- 28-GRACE Foundation Scholarship

MARCH

- 1-Goodrich Scholarship at UNO
- 1-American Legion Auxiliary Scholarships
- 1-Nebraska Academy of Sciences Scholarship
- 1-Voigt R. Hodgson Memorial Scholarship
- 1-Central Nebraska Senior Golf Association
- 1-Titan Machinery Sponsorship Program
- 1-Grand Island Lions Club
- 1-Jamie Harper Red Cross Community Impact Scholarship
- 1-Central Community College General Scholarships
- 1-Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation Scholarships
- 1-Independent Insurance Agents of Nebraska Foundation Scholarship-Chet Linder Memorial Scholarship
 - 1-Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program
 - 1-Engebretson Foundation Scholarship
 - 1-Kaufman-Cummings Foundation Scholarship (GICC Development Foundation)
 - 1-US Bank Scholarship (GICC Development Foundation)
- 1-Dale and Mary Lyons Memorial Scholarship (GICC Foundation)
- 1-Vern and Esther Taylor Charitable Trust Scholarship (GICC Development Foundation)
- 1-Jerry Binfield Memorial Scholarship (GICC Development Foundation)

- 1-Home Federal Scholarship
- 1-American Legion Auxiliary Scholarships
- 1-Maggie Thompson Memorial Scholarship
- 1-CPI Cares Scholarships
- 3-Saint Francis Medical Center Auxiliary Scholarships
- 1-Seedling Mile PTA Scholarship
- 3-Family Eyecare Ipad Scholarship
- 5-Salvation Army 2014 D.J.'s Hero Scholarship
- 8-Beckie Barnes Bixby Memorial Legal Scholarship
- 10-Cabela's Women in Leadership Scholarship
- 10-Wayne State College-High School Special Abilities Art Scholarship Competition
- 14-P.E.O. Chapter EZ Scholarship
- 14-Kohl's Cares Scholarship Program
- 15-Engleman Elementary PTO Scholarship
- 15-Jefferson Elementary PTO Scholarship
- 15-Stolley Park PTA Scholarship
- 15-Grand Island Concert Association Music Scholarship
- 15-Liederkranz/Catherine Fosket Children's Theatre Scholarship
- 15-AMGL (Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway & Luth, P.C.) Scholarship
- 15-Alpha Delta Kappa-Epsilon Chapter Scholarship
- 15-Chuck Renter Scholarship-Third City Sertoma Club
- 15-Alpha Delta Kappa-Chi Chapter Scholarship
- 20-Altrusa Scholarship
- 30-Southwest Neighborhood Association Scholarship
- 31-Nebraska Insurance Federation Nebraska Actuaries Club Scholarships
- 31-Conestoga Mall Scholarship
- TBA-The Conclave (Broadcasting & Music)
- TBA-Dave Rombach Memorial Scholarship (GICC Student Council)
- TBA-Tony Wray Memorial Scholarship (GICC Student Council)
- TBA-Kay Janzen Memorial Scholarship (GICC Student Council)
- TBA-Helen Janky Memorial Scholarship/Joyce Janky Sekutera Scholarship (GICC Development Foundation)
- TBA-Cornerstone Bank Scholarship
- TBA-Grand Island Little Theatre/Catherine Fosket Memorial Scholarship
- TBA-Central Platte NRD College Scholarship
- TBA-Central Nebraska Legal Professionals Association
- TBA-Gus Swanson Communications Scholarship
- TBA-Knights of Columbus Wrestling Scholarship
- TBA-Nebraska School Counselor Association Scholarship

APRIL

- 1-GPACAC Counselor Nominated Scholarship
- 1-Knickrehm PTA Scholarship
- 1-C. Ray Gates PTA Scholarship
- 1-Lineman Scholarship Program
- 1-Peter Pasula Study Habits Scholarship
- 1-Grand Island Area Retired School Personnel Scholarship
- 1-Buffalo Hall County Corn Growers Scholarship
- 4-St. Mary's Cathedral Life Scholarships
- 15-National Weather Association-Jim Johnson Scholarship
- 18-Nebraska Coaches Association Scholarship

TBA-Central Community College-Summer Scholarship

TBA-Grand Island Board of Realtors Scholarship Award

TBA-Utility Line Program Scholarship Information (Southern Public Power)

TBA-Johnny Baxter Carriage House Foundation Scholarship

TBA-College of Hair Design

TBA-Aurora Cooperative-Nebraska Cooperative Council Education Scholarships

MAY

30-Maple Leaf Dentistry Scholarship

Grand Island Elementary Schools

March 1-Seedling Mile PTA Scholarship

March 1-Newell PTA Scholarship

March 15-Engleman Elementary School Scholarship

March 15-Jefferson Elementary PTO Scholarship

March 15-Stolley Park PTA Scholarship

April 1-C. Ray Gates PTA Scholarship

April 1-Knickrehm PTA Elementary School Scholarship

TBA-Cedar Hollow PTO Scholarship

TBA-Dodge PTO Elementary School Scholarship

TBA-Lola Harnisch-Lincoln Elementary School Scholarship-contact Lincoln School for application

TBA-West Lawn Elementary School Scholarship

TBA-Wasmer PTO Elementary School Scholarship